

REMARKS

The above amendments and following remarks are submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in response to the Final Official Action (i.e., Paper No. 7) of the Examiner mailed August 8, 2003. Having addressed all objections and grounds of rejection, claims 1-20, being all the pending claims, are now deemed in condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration to that end is respectfully requested.

In Paper No. 7, the Examiner repeated his previous rejections of all pending claims based upon the prior art of record. Applicants have previously responded to these rejections in Paper No. 6. In response to Applicants' arguments, the Examiner has indicated several amendments to the claims which he deems necessary to the allowance of the pending claims. Though Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's position, in view of the finality of the present rejection and to more efficiently advance the prosecution of the present application, Applicants have herewith made the amendments suggested by the Examiner. On this basis, it is anticipated that claims 1-20 will now be found allowable.

Having thus responded to each objection and ground of rejection, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and allowance of claims 1-20, being the only pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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